

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. You have been touting your power, lately: Slapping Howard Stern with a fine here, Janet Jackson's Superbowl network there, basically make a difference of NO CONSEQUENCE. In the big historical picture, no one will REALLY care about Janet's breast or Howard mouth. It occurs as Election Year Hoo-ha. Please do something for the country who's entrusted YOU to to guard its airwaves. "Air this piece OR ELSE" doesn't work in my America. As a stakeholder in this country and your EMPLOYER, I request your restrain Sinclair. Thank you so much,
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